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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A method for manufacturing a polarizing plate <u>comprising</u> in which a transparent protective film [[is]] provided on at least one surface of a polarizer with an adhesive layer interposed therebetween, wherein <u>comprising</u>:

coating an adhesive is coated on a surface of the transparent protective film to form on which the adhesive layer is formed or/and and/or coating an adhesive on a surface of the polarizer, to form on which the adhesive layer is formed to form the adhesive layers, and thereafter,

an aqueous liquid, which comprises no adhesives, is caused to be present on an adhering surface when adhering the transparent protective film and the polarizer [[are]] continuously adhered to each other with the adhesive layer interposed therebetween, while presenting an aqueous liquid, which consists of water or consists essentially of water, on an adhering surface between the transparent protective film and the polarizer,

wherein a thickness of the adhesive layer is in the range of 30 to 300 nm.

2. (Original): The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the polarizer is a polyvinyl alcohol-based polarizer and the transparent protective film is a cellulose-based transparent protective film.

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3. (Previously presented): The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein a thickness of the polarizer is 35 μm or less.

- 4. (Previously Presented): The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive is a polyvinyl alcohol-based adhesive.
- 5. (Original): The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 4, wherein the polyvinyl alcohol-based adhesive is a polyvinyl alcohol-based adhesive having an acetoacetyl group.
- 6. (Previously Presented): The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive comprises a crosslinking agent.
- 7. (Original): The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 6, wherein the crosslinking agent is a methylol compound.
 - 8. (Canceled).
- 9. (Previously presented): The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein a viscosity of the aqueous liquid is in the range of 0.1 to 10 cP.

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10. (Previously presented): The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 6, wherein the aqueous liquid is water.

- 11. (Previously presented): The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous liquid is an aqueous solution comprising a crosslinking agent dissolved therein.
- 12. (Original): The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 11, wherein the crosslinking agent is a methylol compound.
- 13. (Previously Presented): The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein an aqueous liquid is supplied on an adhering surface between the transparent protective film and the polarizer.
- 14. (Previously presented): The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive is coated only onto the transparent protective film side and the aqueous liquid is supplied on the adhesive layer formed by the coating to thereby cause the aqueous liquid to be present on the adhering surface.
- 15. (Previously presented): The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive is coated only onto the transparent protective film

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side, while the aqueous liquid is supplied onto the polarizer side to thereby cause the aqueous

liquid to be present on the adhering surface.

16. (Previously presented): The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate

according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive is coated only onto the polarizer side, while the

aqueous liquid is supplied onto the transparent protective film side to thereby cause the aqueous

liquid to be present on the adhering surface.

17. (Previously presented): The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate

according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous liquid is supplied onto an adhering surface just before

adhesion when the transparent protective film and the polarizer are continuously adhered to each

other with the adhesive layer interposed therebetween.

18. (Previously presented): A polarizing plate obtained by the method according to

claim 1.

19. (Original): An optical film comprising at least one polarizing plate according to

claim 18.

20. (Previously presented): An image viewing display comprising the polarizing plate

according to claim 18.

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21. (New) The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein a transport velocity of a combination of the transparent protective film and the polarizer, in which the adhesive layer is formed on at least one of the surface of the transparent protective film or the surface of the polarizer thereof, and said transport velocity is in the range of about 0.03 to 0.6 m/s.

- 22. (New) The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein a supply quantity of the aqueous liquid is in the range of about 0.5 to 3.4 ml/s.
- 23. (New) The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous liquid is presented to adhering surfaces in a time of 30 sec or less from supply of the aqueous liquid.
- 24. (New) The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein a concentration in an aqueous solution of the adhesive is in the range of 0.1 to 15 wt %.
- 25. (New) The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein a concentration in an aqueous solution of the adhesive is in the range of 0.5 to 10 wt %.

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26. (New) The method for manufacturing the polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein a concentration in an aqueous solution of the adhesive is in the range of 0.5 to 2 wt %.